

July 10, 2007

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 18, 2007 - 4:00 p.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A telephone conference call meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Valerie Day at the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
July 18, 2007**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Roll Call of Members</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.

ITEM PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4.	<u>FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity</u> The Final Phase input opportunity provides members of the public a final opportunity to comment on MAG transportation plans and programs. As part of the Final Phase, On June 18, 2007, MAG held a Final Phase Transportation Open House and Public Hearing in conjunction with ADOT, Valley Metro, METRO and the City of Phoenix Public Transit Department to provide information and receive comment on the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update and Draft 2007 MAG Conformity Analysis. Comments received during the Final Phase and staff responses to comments are included in the FY 2007 Final Phase Input Opportunity Report. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An	4. Recommend acceptance of the Draft FY 2007 MAG Final Phase Public Input Opportunity Report.
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update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*5A. Approval of May 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the May 16, 2007 meeting minutes.

*5B. Proposed Major Amendment to Delete SR 153 from the MAG Regional Transportation Plan

5B. Recommend approval of the proposed amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153 and use the available funding for improvements to SR 143 and that the Regional Transportation Plan and the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program be amended subject to the necessary air quality conformity analysis.

On May 23, 2007, the MAG Regional Council requested consultation on the proposed major amendment to the Regional Transportation Plan to delete SR 153, the Sky Harbor Expressway and use the available funding for improvement to SR 143. Formal comment on the proposed major amendment is required from the State Transportation Board, the Regional Public Transportation Authority (RPTA), and the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors. Cities and towns, Indian communities, and the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC) may also provide comments. On June 15, 2007, the State Transportation Board recommended approval. On June 18, 2007, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors recommended approval and on June 21, 2007 the Regional Public Transportation Authority also recommended approval of the proposed major amendment. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5C. Approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

Each year MAG updates the Five Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), primarily by adding a fifth year. All federally funded projects and regionally significant transportation projects (including city and privately funded projects) are required by federal law to be included in the draft TIP for the purpose of meeting the air quality conformity analysis requirements. In April 2007, the Draft FY 2008-2012 TIP was approved by Regional Council to undergo this analysis, which is now complete. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft 2007 RTP Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update

The Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update has been prepared as part of the continuing MAG regional transportation planning process. The Draft 2007 Update was approved by the Regional Council for air quality conformity analysis on April 25, 2007. A technical conformity analysis was performed on the RTP and the Draft MAG FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and demonstrated that they meet all air quality conformity requirements. On June 18, 2007, a public hearing was conducted on the Draft RTP 2007 Update, the Draft FY 2008-2012 MAG TIP, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis. This item is on the July 11, 2007 MAG Management Committee agenda. An update will be provided on action taken by the Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5C. Recommend approval of the Draft FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the TIP and Regional Transportation Plan - 2007 Update with applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.

5D. Recommend approval of the Draft MAG Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) - 2007 Update, contingent upon a finding of conformity of the RTP and TIP with the applicable State and Federal air quality implementation plans.